

Spay or Neuter Your Pet

Spaying or neutering your pet benefits your pet, family, and community. These safe and healthy routine medical procedures do more than just help control the pet overpopulation. These procedures also help prevent medical and behavioral problems from developing, giving your pet the chance at a happier, healthier, and longer life.

How can we tackle the huge problem of pet overpopulation that affects our neighborhoods and lowers our quality of life?

By spaying or neutering our pets!

Spaying or neutering our pets is the only 100 percent effective way we can control the population of unwanted pets and ensure a decrease in the number of unwanted litters.

Benefits of Spay/Neuter:

-  **Peace of mind** knowing that your pet won't have puppies or kittens that could end up being euthanized in an already crowded animal shelter.
-  **No more messes** dealing with a female in heat. No more noisy and possibly aggressive males in YOUR yard!
-  **Helps your pet live a longer happier life.** Sterilizing your pet can also reduce the risk of certain health issues for both male and female pets, improving their quality of life. Even if your pet has "just one litter" and even if you find homes for all those puppies or kittens, that's fewer homes for our city's shelter pets. Meaning more pets could be euthanized at area shelters...and that's the TRUE COST of not spaying and neutering your pet.



ACS Mission Statement

Animal Care Services is dedicated to making San Antonio a city in which every animal receives responsible care. Our Strategic Plan will help guide the community to achieve our "No Kill" goal.

The City of San Antonio is committed to enhancing our community's quality of life by providing both animal control and humane care for the animals in our shelter. This mission to protect pets and people involves providing shelter for lost and stray pets, medical care and vaccinations for incoming animals, increased enforcement and public education.

Animal Care Services supports efforts aimed at decreasing euthanasia and finding loving homes for our community's abandoned dogs and cats. Included are programs for:

- Low Cost Spay/Neuter
- Low Cost Vaccinations
- Adoptions
- Responsible Pet Ownership

All available
pets can be
seen on the
web at:
www.saacs.net



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Animal Care Services
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Spay & Neuter

Keep your pet safe
and healthy while helping
control the pet overpopulation.

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Spay/Neuter FAQs

Here are a few of the most common questions we are asked concerning spaying and neutering.

Will my pet's behavior change after the surgery?

Spay/neuter can result in some positive behavior changes! Spayed or neutered pets are often less aggressive, more relaxed, and even more affectionate. Pets are happier without those raging hormones and do not show any signs of "missing" mating or breeding.

Will my pet become fat?

Spayed/neutered pets do not get fat because of the surgery. Pets become overweight when they eat too much and/or get little exercise. Your pet will stay lean and healthy with an appropriate diet and the right amount of activity.

Spaying or Neutering your pet can greatly reduce our overpopulation problem.



How young can a dog or cat be spayed/neutered?

Puppies and kittens can be spayed/neutered as young as 8 weeks old. Despite their young age, healthy puppies and kittens are strong and recover quickly from the surgery. In addition, the cost of surgery is typically based on the weight of the animal and increases so the spaying/neutering earlier can save you money.

How long does it take for an animal to recover from the procedure?

This is a routine procedure that pets generally recover from fairly quick. Your vet will determine if your pet will stay a few hours or overnight depending on the age, size, and health of your pet.

Area Low Cost Spay/Neuter Programs

Always check with your veterinarian first. They may be able to work out a payment plan for you!

Animal Care Services

4710 State Highway 151 (off Old Hwy 90)
210-207-6653
www.saacs.net

SpaySA

(formerly Animal Resource Center)
5357 West Commerce Street
210-351-7729
www.animalresource.org

SNAP Program

(Spay Neuter Assistance Program)
6758 Ingram Road (off WB access road)
210-673-7722
www.snapus.org

SA Humane Society

4804 Fredricksburg (Near 410 outside the loop)
210-424-7595
www.sahumane.org

Animal Defense League

11300 Nacogdoches Road
210-655-1481 ext. 104
www.animaldefenseleague.org

SNIPSA

6338 N. New Braunfels
210-237-9400
www.snipsa.org



Make an appointment today to spay or neuter your pets. They'll be happier, and so will you!